



Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room  
June 9, 2009 1:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes

**June 9, 2009 MPC Planning Meeting**

**Members Present:** Shedrick Coleman, Vice Chairman  
Ellis Cook  
Stephen Lufburrow  
Tanya Milton  
Jon Pannell  
Jon Todd, Chairman

**Members Not Present:** Susan Myers, Treasurer  
Adam Ragsdale, Secretary  
Russ Abolt,  
Michael Brown  
Ben Farmer  
David Hoover  
Timothy S. Mackey  
Lacy Manigault

**Staff Present:** Thomas Thomson, P.E. AICP, Executive Director  
Beth Reiter, AICP, Director, Historic Preservation  
Charlotte Moore, AICP, Director of Special Projects  
Amanda Bunce, Development Services Planner  
Geoff Goins, Development Services Planner  
Dennis Hutton, AICP, LEED, Director, Comprehensive Planning  
Noel Perkins, Director, GISP SAGIS  
Bethany Jewell, LEED, AP, Natural Resource Planner  
Sabrina Finau, Administrative Assistant  
Constance Morgan, Administrative Assistant

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

1. [Call to Order](#)

Vice Chairman Shedrick Coleman called the June 9, 2009 MPC Planning Meeting to order at 1:10 P.M. He explained the agenda for the benefit of those in attendance for the first time.

## II. Notices, Proclamations and Acknowledgements

### Notice(s)

2. [MPC Finance Committee will meet on June 16 at 11:30 AM in the West Conference Room](#)

The next scheduled MPC Finance Committee will be held on June 16, at 11:30 AM in the West Conference Room located at 112 East State Street.

## III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Comprehensive Planning Meeting

3. [April 14, 2009 MPC Planning Session Minutes](#)

Due to the lack of a quorum, Mr. Lufburrow moved to suspend the rules in order to move the Approval of the Previous Comprehensive Planning Meeting Minutes under Regular Business.

### Board Action:

Approval to suspend the rules in order to move this item under Regular Business - PASS

### Vote Results

Motion: Stephen Lufburrow

Second: Ellis Cook

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Brown	- Not Present
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Ellis Cook	- Aye
Ben Farmer	- Not Present
Stephen Lufburrow	- Aye
Timothy Mackey	- Not Present
Lacy Manigault	- Not Present
Tanya Milton	- Aye
Susan Myers	- Not Present
Jon Pannell	- Aye
Adam Ragsdale	- Not Present
Jon Todd	- Aye

**IV. Old Business**

**V. Regular Business**

4. [Introduce Summer Interns - Dennis, Noel, Beth](#)

Attachment: [MPC Board Thomson INterns 060909.pdf](#)

Noel Perkins, Director of SAGIS, introduced the summer interns. Catherine Dewitt, a sophomore at Auburn University. During her time in SAGIS Ms. Dewitt will help catalogue and create an index for historical aerial photographs for the MPC aerial photos repository. She will also assist Jackie Jackson Teel with the Stormwater Management Manual.

Quartavius Swanson and William Roundtree, both seniors at Savannah State University, will be working to verify the County Greenspace map and identify all protected areas and parks in Chatham County in support of the Natural Resources Protection Committee.

Dennis Hutton, Director of Comprehensive Planning, introduced Michelle Knowland and Nelson Biden. Michelle is a graduate student of public policy at the University of Minnesota. Nelson is a graduate student in Urban Design at SCAD. They will assist Dennis on the community development and land use plans for the West Bay Street Corridor and Hudson Hill projects.

Vice Chairman Coleman, on behalf on the Board, welcomed the new interns and stated that their efforts will be greatly appreciated by the Board and the community.

5. [Unified Zoning Ordinance Update - Charlotte Moore](#)

Attachment: [MPC Thomson UZO Update 060909.pdf](#)

Charlotte Moore along with Bethany Jewel and Amanda Bunce gave a brief status report on the Unified Zoning Ordinance (UZO). Among the work that is presently underway or recently complied are; 1) completion of drafts for the following ordinance sections General Provisions; nonconformities; open space; cluster developments; and, access management; 2) completiton of five community meetings; 3) launch of a dedicated UZO website([www.unifiedzoning.org](http://www.unifiedzoning.org)) and; 4) a land use survey of the Victorian Historic district.

Charlotte Moore stated that the draft should be completed by the end of the summer. Upon completion, an advisory committee will meet to review it, and submit it to the public in the Fall.

6. [Historic District Ordinance Revisions - Beth Reiter](#)

Attachment: [MPC Board Thomson HDRC 060909.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Public Meeting flyer.pdf](#)

Beth Reiter, Historic Preservation Director, informed the Board on the Historic District Ordinance Revisions. She stated that the Mayor and Aldermen have established a working group to review the Historic District Ordinance to make recommendations regarding Height, Lot Coverage, Large Scale Development and miscellaneous Urban Design issues. These recommendations are available for review from June 1 to July 12, 2009 at [www.savannahdrc.org](http://www.savannahdrc.org). Additionally, two public meetings have been scheduled, Monday June 15, 2009 and Thursday June 25, 2009 to learn more about the proposed changes and provide an opportunity for feedback. Both meetings will be held in the MPC Hearing Room located at 112 East State Street from 6pm to 7:30pm.

7. [Executive Director's Report - Tom Thomson](#)

Mr. Thomson began by giving the Board a brief review of the activities of staff. He summarized specific areas of employee accomplishments and modifications of staff positions due to budgeting. He also highlighted specific areas of transit related projects such as the Transit Mobility Vision Plan and the Streetcar Feasibility Study. He added that in order to help develop neighborhood associations in the unincorporated areas of the county he has requested that staff expand their list of notices to include the Crime Watch organizations. In conclusion, he gave a brief status update on the city and county budgeting process and the MPC's e-agenda system.

8. [April 14, 2009 MPC Planning Session Minutes](#)

Attachment: [04.14.09MPCPLANNINGBRIEFINGMINUTES.pdf](#)

Attachment: [04 14 09 MPC PlanningMeetingMinutes \(2\).pdf](#)

Due to the lack of a quorum, Approval of the April 14, 2009 MPC Planning Session Minutes and Briefing Minutes were postponed to the July 7, 2009 Regular MPC Meeting.

**Board Action:**

Motion to continue the Approval of the April 14, 2009 Planning Meeting Minutes to the July 7, 2009 Regular MPC Meeting. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Stephen Lufburrow

Second: Ellis Cook

Timothy Mackey	- Not Present
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Lacy Manigault	- Not Present
Tanya Milton	- Aye
Susan Myers	- Not Present
Jon Pannell	- Aye
Adam Ragsdale	- Not Present
Jon Todd	- Aye
Ben Farmer	- Not Present

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Brown	- Not Present
Ellis Cook	- Aye
Stephen Lufburrow	- Aye

**VI. Other Business**

**VII. Adjournment**

9. [Adjournment](#)

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the June 9, 2009 MPC Planning Meeting adjourned at 2:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas L. Thomson  
Executive Director

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**Note: Minutes not official until signed.**